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OBSERVES "CAREERS DAY" AT AMS

Appomattox Middle School students participated in "Careers Day" on April 16 by dressing in various uniforms representing various jobs.

This activity was a elumination of a week-long study of various types of jobs by 7th and 8th grade Social Studies students. This is only a small part of the overall program called "Career Awareness".

Self-Protection Program April 27

PICTURED ABOVE ARE Trooper RICHARD SIMPSON, Mrs. Isabelle Coleman, President of the Extension Homemakers' Council and Mrs. Virginia Gillaspie from The Farm Bureau Women's Committee as they plan for a Self-Protection Program. This will be held at Appomattox County High School Auditorium on April 27 at 1:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service in cooperation with The Farm Bureau Women's Committee, this program is open to all citizens in the area.

SOUTHSIDE COOP GETS FPC STUDY APPROVAL

The Federal Power Commission has authorized the Southside Electric Cooperative, in Crewe, to proceed with plans for a study of the feasibility of developing the Staunton River south of Lynchburg, for the generation of electricity by using falling water. The order was signed last Friday.

This hydro-electric project, to be known as the Randolph Hydro-project, if built, could represent a construction cost of about $4-billion and could produce sufficient electricity to serve all rural electric systems in Virginia and North Carolina, along with a number of municipalities.

The study is designed to show that this project is feasible, and that electrical energy can be produced at a salable price and that such a price would tend to stabilized the cost of electricity for many years to come.

When notified of the decision by the Federal Power Commission to grant the study permit, C.S. Hooper, the general manager of Southside Electric Cooperative in Crewe, said:

"This study permit issued by the Federal Power Commission opens the second phase of Southside Electric Cooperative's much discussed plan to build a 4-billion dollar Randolph Hydroelectric Generation System on the Staunton River south of Lynchburg.

"We appreciate this opportunity which the Federal Power Commission has given us. This permit will allow us 3 years to make engineering, environmental impact, and economic surveys and studies to support our contention that this project is feasible under any yard stick.

"Southside Electric does not intend to do this project without the cooperation from other rural cooperative systems in Virginia and North Carolina.

The Pastor Speaks

DRAW NIGH TO GOD
PART IV
TEXT: James 4:8

Last week, we stated that everyday a sinner lives without Christ as his Saviour and Redeemer, he becomes more of a stranger to God. The affections and practices of a sinner cause him to turn away from God rather than to draw nigh to Him. Because of his guilt and shame, the sinner turns from God. He flees from the justice of the Just. Holy Righteous God. Sinner, I ask you a question. You flee from the wrath of God, but where will you go? If you could flee to heaven, according to Psalm 139:7-12, God would be there. In death you cannot escape from the wrath of God. Eternal punishment in hell is sure and certain for the sinner who dies without Christ. Even in hell, you will be tormented by the Holiness of God. If you could have a home in the deepest part of the ocean the justice of God would be there.

Commiting your sins in the dark of night will not help for the dark is like the light of day to God. Read for yourself these verses in Psalm 139. Sinner, you will arrive at the same conclusion as I have. That conclusion is - sinner, you cannot escape from the justice and wrath of God.

Therefore, because you cannot escape from God, you ought to draw nigh to Him. You say, " I cannot draw nigh to God. I am a stranger and an alien. Surely, God will not have me." It is possible to draw nigh to God, but you must have a mediator. Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Jesus is the only qualified mediator. Jesus is qualified because He can do something FOR you. In order to draw nigh to God, God's justice for your sins must be satisfied. In I Peter 2:24, we see how Jesus accomplished this. "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." Jesus is qualified because he can do something IN you, in order to draw nigh to God, we must have faith in Him. This faith is not natural to us, but Christ can place this faith in us. Ephesians 2:8, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." You who are without Christ ought to seek God that you might draw nigh to HIM.

Glen L. Benfield
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Bible Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va.

The Sunday School Lesson

COMMENTS BY HERBERT C. BRADSHAW

Lesson For April 25, 1976

The Challenge of a Christian Style of Life
Colossians 3:1-21

Above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. Col. 3:14

With this lesson, the International Sunday School studies begin a six-weeks series on "A Christian Approach to Family Issues." To make a slight variation in the topic, contemporary culture is staging a strong challenge to the Christian style of life. In the adult world, the pressures of business and the competition is almost every field operate against Christian practices. Even the popular concept of "winning friends and influencing people" demands a compromise of integrity and conviction, an acquiescence in the life style of the world, and a supine agreement with the other fellow. In the world of childhood and youth, every parent knows the pressures of what is termed the peer group, pressures which go far toward explaining the indulgence in alcohol and other drugs and the sexual permissiveness so widely prevalent.

Against such a background, there is urgent need to study anew the Scriptural teachings about family and personal life. Though many of the externals which contribute so much to furnishing the guidelines by which people mold their lives today were unknown when the Bible was written, this ancient book still speaks to the basic issues of life and challenges people to live on a high moral and ethical plane. The Biblical world did not know movies and television, but it knew the violence and lust all to many shows on these media stimulate. It did not have the printing press which produces pornographic materials in seemingly unending stream, but it knew the lechery and viciousness these encourage. It did not know the monopolistic trusts of today's business and industrial world, but it knew dishonest practices and shady deals and oppression of the weak by the powerful.

The Biblical world knew the abuses man makes of the advantages with which he has been blessed. There is nothing intrinsicaly wrong with any of the modern innovations mentioned, television, the movies, the printing press, the gigantic business organizations. All may be used to human blessing and benefit. But all are being abused to gratify man's selfishness and evil. The Biblical world knew selfishness and evil. God gave through His prophets and spokesmen not only the divine condemnation of selfishness and evil, which are sin, but also guidelines and directions for living in accordance with His will and design. God's standards make for happy and rich lives, and are therefore beneficial to man.

The portion of the Apostle Paul's Letter to the Colossians which has been selected as the Scripture for this lesson appeals to believers to live according to the standards and directions God has given. During the Easter season, the world has just been reminded of the resurrection of Christ. Paul pictures the believer as having been raised, through regeneration, from death in the old life of sin to a new life in Christ. Therefore it is incumbent upon him to live according to God's will, not according to the standards set by the world or by the secular culture or the secular society.

Addressing himself directly to the family, Paul, writing by inspiration, gives instruction to its constituent members. Women may resent the instruction to wives to be suject to their husbands, but it should be read in the Biblical context that the woman was created to be helper to the man (Genesis 2:18-25), not his salve, an interpretation which abuses God's purpose in creation. It must be read, too, with the next injunction which requires husbands to love their wives. When we read this in the light of Paul's definition of love (1 Cor. 13), the relationship of husband and wife falls into clear perspective. Children are instructed to obey their parents, but fathers, especially, are enjoined not to provoke children. Authority is necessary in the family but it is not to be abused.

Families in the flesh, as families created in the Spirit into the household of God, are to live according to the principle of love, the distinguishing characteristic of the Christian life style. Love is ever considerate of the other person and is the antithesis of selfishness. Significantly it requires all members of the family to live in love and one another. No one member can put himself first. The authority of husband and father must be exercised in love and not in harshness. The wife and children must respond in love. Where love rules, harmony prevails.

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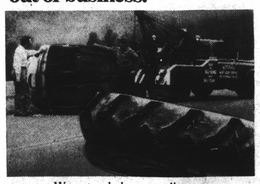

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"He is not here; for he is risen, as he said, Come see the place where the Lord lay." Matt; 28:6

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Alvis, Jr. spent week end at Orange with her parents.

The week end visitors of Mr. J. Q. Davidson and Mr. Crawford Davidson were as follows Dr. and Mrs. Warsink, of Camden, N.C., Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Roach, of Buckingham; Mrs. Layton Haley, of Roanoke, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Judy, of Fincastle.

Mrs. Charlene Radin and children, of Richmond, spent several days with her parents, Mr and Mrs. Lyle Thomas, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler visited Mr. and Mrs. Bert Stratton and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas last Friday.

Mr. Richard Jones spent the week end with Mrs. Elsie Caldwell and they were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Jordan at Concord Sunday.

Mrs. Nina Caldwell and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harris and boys went to Wilson, N.C. to spend the Easter holidays with her people, the Howells.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roupe had his father and mother to come to Ashton and go with them home for dinner Sunday.

Mrs. Ruby Oakes, of Rustburg, Mrs. Lula Harris, of North Carolina, and Mrs. Merryman, of Rustburg, visited Mrs. Wallace Bondurant Saturday and all went to Maudes for supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davidson had as their guests Sunday for dinner Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant, Richard and Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Trent, Rhonda and Donna, of Charlottesville.

Mrs. Lilly Dyess will go to Centralia, Missouri, this week to spend the summer with her daughter. We will miss her at church.

PAMPLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MENU

Mon, April 26 - Hot dogs, french fries, buttered corn, milk.

Tues., April 27 - Pizza, Green beans, sliced pears, milk.

Wed., April 28 - Beef pattie, Green peas, Whipped potatoes, rolls, butter, milk.

Thurs., April 29 - Ham sandwich, green beans, chilled tomatoes, ice cream, milk.

Fri., April 30 - Meat loaf, turnip greens, candied sweet potatoes, biscuits, butter, milk.

Miss White's Fifth Grade 4-H Club

On Thursday, April 18, 1976 Miss White's 4-H Club had its 7th meeting.

Our president, Laura Walton, called the meeting to order. Susan Eye, our secretary, was absent, so David Totty, read the minutes of the last meeting. Our vice president, Laurie Cowan, read the topic for this month's meeting. The song leaders, Sheila Roach and Karen Fitzgerald, lead us in some songs.

The meeting was then turned over to Mr. Sweet and Mr. Goldman. They talked about the Pigeon Racing Club that will meet at the 4-H Office. They also told us the pine seedling we had ordered and the feed patch seeds will arrive soon. Mr. Sweet and Mr. Goldman explained how to go about doing a demonstration.

The meeting was then adjourned by the president.

David Totty, Reporter

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